



## CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### MINUTES 12-21-09

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on **Monday, December 21, 2009.**

#### Members Present:

X	Nancy Gardner, Council Member	E	Barbara Thibault
E	Michael Henn, Council Member	X	Laura Curran
X	Kenneth Drellishak, Chair	X	Vincent Lepore
X	Kimberly Jameson	X	Kevin Nolen
	Kevin Kelly		Arlene Greer
			Sandra Haskell
X	Michael Smith		Kristine Adams
X	Ed Reno	X	Timothy Stoaks
X	Nick Roussos	E	Jay Myers
E	Joan Penfil	X	Charles McKenna
E	Bruce Asper	X	Debra Stevens
X	Merritt Van Sant	X	Michael Alti

#### Staff Representatives:

#### Guests:

X	Sharon Wood, Assistant City Manager	Robert Hawkins, Planning Commission Philip Bettencourt Terry Welsh, Banning Ranch Conservancy Kevin Nelson
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Chairperson Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

1. Minutes of November 16, 2009

Tim Stoaks moved and Merritt Van Sant seconded to approve the minutes of November 16, 2009.

#### Motion passed unanimously

2. Presentation on Water Quality Projects by Robert Stein, Assistant City Engineer

Mr. Stein spoke about two projects: the Integrated Watershed Management Plan, including local control, partnership with the State and regional integration; and the Newport Coast

Watershed Program. Philip Bettencourt provided information on activities by the Newport Coast Homeowners Association related to the Newport Coast Watershed.

3. Assignments and schedule for review of Draft EIR on Marina Park

Chairperson Drellishak reviewed assignments and due dates for comments.

4. Task Force on Green Development Representative's Report

Council Member Gardner reported that the Task Force has sunset, and this item should be removed as a standing agenda item.

5. Coastal/Bay Water Quality Committee Representative's Report

Council Member Gardner reported on a local experiment regarding the source of bacteria in runoff.

6. Economic Development Committee Representative's Report

Chairperson Drellishak reported that the BCS national championship football game will be played in Pasadena, and media headquarters, as well as some alumni headquarters, will be in Newport Beach. EDC reviewed a report from the Water Taxi Exploratory Committee at their December meeting.

7. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood reported that staff is working on Draft EIRs for Banning Ranch and a contained aquatic disposal site for Newport Harbor dredging, as well as the Zoning Code rewrite.

8. Public Comments

Robert Hawkins commented that EQAC should continue its rigorous analysis of environmental documents. Chairperson Drellishak noted that he received a complimentary letter from a resident regarding EQAC's comments on the Sunset Ridge Park Draft EIR. Terry Welsh spoke about the mission of the Banning Ranch Conservancy, and noted that the group is concerned about the access road to Sunset Ridge Park. Kevin Nelson spoke about his concerns about water quality impacts from the proposed Banning Ranch development, and his concerns about how the Sunset Ridge Park Draft EIR analyzes impacts to wetlands and gnatcatcher habitats.

9. Future Agenda Items

January – Meeting cancelled

February – Review of Marina Park Draft EIR

10. Adjournment

Chairperson Drellishak adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.